

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2017, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 3
February 6, 2017 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Quirk at 6:04 P.M. The Chairman asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were approximately 2 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

TOM QUIRK
VICKI ALMOND
WADE KACH
JULIAN E. JONES, JR.
DAVID MARKS
CATHY BEVINS
TODD K. CRANDELL

FIRST DISTRICT
SECOND DISTRICT
THIRD DISTRICT
FOURTH DISTRICT
FIFTH DISTRICT
SIXTH DISTRICT
SEVENTH DISTRICT

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Crandell, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of January 17, 2017 was waived and accepted unanimously.

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chairman stated that the following Bills were passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive. He certified and delivered to the Secretary, Bills 90-16, 91-16, 92-16, 93-16, 94-16 and 97-16.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 3-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of adopting the Fire Prevention Code of Baltimore County; repealing the 2013 Fire Prevention Code; adopting certain amendments to the Fire Prevention Code; making the provisions of this act severable; and generally relating to fire prevention.

Bill 4-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2016-2017 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from state funds and made available to the County through the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Bill 5-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2016-2017 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds and made available to the County through the Maryland Department of Aging.

Bill 6-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2016-2017 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from state funds and made available to the County through the Maryland State Arts Council.

Bill 7-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of clarifying the types of rented sleeping accommodations that are subject to the County's transient occupancy tax; clarifying the imposition of the tax on certain transactions facilitated by accommodations intermediaries; requiring licensing of sleeping accommodations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the transient occupancy tax.

Bill 8-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of requiring that a statement of rat eradication measures and that the premises are rat-free prior to issuance of a permit to demolish, raze, move, or remove a building be provided by a certified pest control technician from a licensed firm; and generally relating to the issuance of building permits and rat eradication.

Bill 9-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of permitting a Solar Facility to be located in certain zones of the County by special exception; defining terms; providing for the requirements for a facility; providing for a required security; providing for the maintenance, abandonment, and removal of a facility; authorizing the Code Official to enforce the provisions of this Act; providing exceptions; providing for the application of the Act; and generally relating to Solar Facilities.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 1-17 This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

There were no Fiscal Matters at this time.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of the Chairman, the Deputy Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during December, 2016.

2. Res. 9-17 - Establishment of the Rogers Forge/Anneslie Commercial Revitalization District

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

3. Res. 11-17 - Approval of alternative financing – Bd. of Ed. – Energy Performance Contracts

At the direction of the Chairman, the Deputy Secretary read this Resolution of the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland (the "County Council") approving the use of an alternative financing method by the Board of Education of Baltimore County (the "Board of Education"). George Sorris appeared. Councilman Jones questioned Mr. Sorris. Councilmembers Quirk and Crandell commented. Councilwoman Bevins then moved to amend this Resolution with the following amendment:

On page 2, in the sixth and seventh lines from the top, strike "approves the Agreements and".

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and this amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilwoman Almond, Resolution 11-17, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

4. Reappointments – (4) – Baltimore County Design Review Panel

At the direction of the Chairman, the Deputy Secretary read these correspondences from the County Executive requesting the reappointments of Cecily Bedwell, Qutub Syed, John DiMenna and Nicole Brooks to the Baltimore County Design Review Panel for a three year term. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, these appointments were unanimously approved.

5. Res. 12-17 – Mr. Quirk – Property Tax Exemption – BLIND – Emeka L. Ahaghotu

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

6. Res. 13-17 – Mr. Jones – Property Tax Exemption – DAV – Kenneth G. Allen

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Deputy Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Kenneth G. Allen, who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. Res. 14-17 – Mr. Jones – Property Tax Exemption – DAV – Michael D. Pollard

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Deputy Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Michael D. Pollard, who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

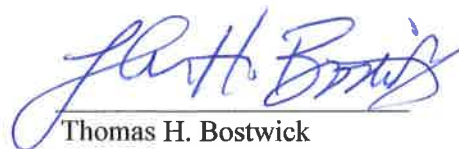
8. Res. 15-17 – Mr. Jones – Property Tax Exemption – DAV – Charles R. Hazard

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Deputy Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Charles R. Hazard, who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

9. Res. 16-17 – Baltimore County Charter Review Commission

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.



Thomas H. Bostwick
Deputy Legislative Counsel/Secretary